



Newsletter September 2026

A Great Start to the Session!

Our pupils have made a fantastic start to the new school session and have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning, positive attitudes, and the caring relationships being built across the school.

Children have also begun meeting in their school committees and are already taking on important leadership roles. Through these groups, pupils will have opportunities to share their ideas, contribute to school improvement, and help make a positive difference within our school community. We look forward to seeing the exciting work and achievements of our committees throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin another successful year of learning together.

We hope to see many of you at the parent council AGM on 22nd September 6-7pm.

☀️ From Mrs Gordon and Mrs Bain ☀️

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Primary 1-3



This term, we have been developing our understanding of measurement. So far, we have explored length and weight, and we are now learning about capacity. Through practical, hands-on activities, the children are building confidence in measuring, comparing and estimating using a range of everyday objects.

In literacy, we are focusing on descriptive language to make our writing more interesting and engaging for the reader. The children have been learning how to use a description bubble to help them generate ideas and include details about what they can see, hear, feel, smell and imagine. We have been impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm they have shown as they develop their descriptive writing skills.

Primary 4-7

Our Primary 4-7 pupils have been engaged in a range of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. In Numeracy, the focus has been on developing understanding of place value, helping learners build confidence when working with larger numbers.

In PE, pupils have been developing their tennis skills, focusing on coordination, control and teamwork.

As part of Health and Wellbeing, the class has been learning about Cool in School, exploring positive strategies and "cool responses" to help manage emotions and interactions. Pupils have also been discussing how facial expressions and body language can communicate feelings and tell a story without using words.

In Literacy, pupils have been developing their reading skills through Reciprocal Reading, with a particular focus on summarising key information. In writing, they have been participating in the Stephen Graham Writing Project, where they have been learning how to create effective and engaging information reports.

We are delighted with the enthusiasm and effort pupils continue to show in all areas of their learning.



Committees

Our **Pupil Council** has been discussing plans for another charity fundraiser, following the success of our recent CHAS event. Pupils are keen to support Love Oliver and have already come up with some fantastic ideas, including a bake sale, sponsored reading challenge, sponsored walk or run, and a skipping challenge.

We would love to hear any suggestions from parents and families, as your ideas and support are always greatly appreciated. The Pupil Council hopes to organise this event during Term 3 or 4, and we look forward to sharing further details as plans develop.

Pictured below are our enthusiastic Pupil Council representatives, who continue to work hard to make a positive difference within our school community. 📸



Committees



Our **Playground Committee** has been working hard together to make playtimes even more engaging and enjoyable for everyone. The children have developed a range of activity boxes which are now used on a daily rotation across the playground. These boxes provide a variety of fun and active play opportunities, helping to keep playtimes fresh and exciting. The pupils have shown great enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork throughout the project and are passionate about making our playground a welcoming and enjoyable place for all children. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing their ideas continue to develop.



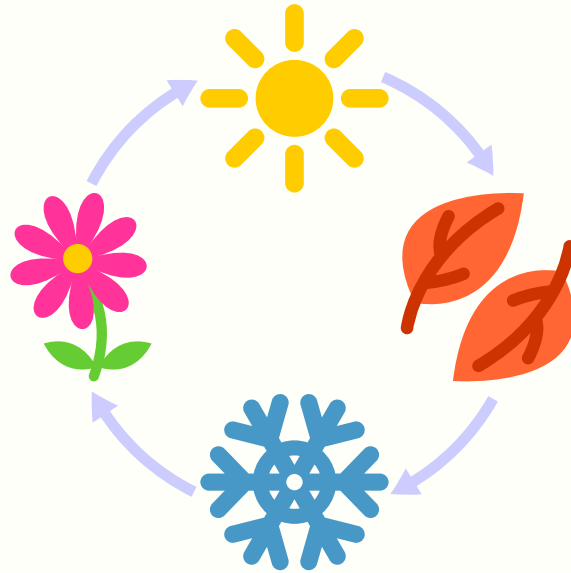
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Our **Eco Committee** and **Junior Road Safety Officers** have been busy exploring ways to make a positive difference in our school and community. The JSROs have been discussing a range of ideas to promote road safety in and around Auchtertool, including creating posters for the school gates and village, developing a short video or presentation for assemblies, and inviting Road Safety officers to visit during Road Safety Week in November. Their next step is to begin designing their road safety posters.

The Eco Committee has been considering a number of exciting initiatives, including designing an Eco Warriors flag, working towards an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, and exploring ways to enhance our outdoor environment through flower planting around the playground. The children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity, and we look forward to seeing their ideas come to life over the coming months.



Seasons for Growth



We are currently running the Seasons for Growth programme in school. A number of children are taking part in the programme and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience so far. Through discussions, activities and reflection, pupils have been developing their confidence, resilience and emotional wellbeing. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging so positively, and we are delighted with the enthusiasm they have shown.

Outdoor Learning



We are delighted to let you know that our outdoor learning sessions will be starting again soon, and we look forward to taking our learning outdoors. Outdoor learning provides valuable opportunities for children to explore, investigate and develop new skills in a real-life environment. Please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather, with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear so they can fully participate in all activities.

Dates:

8th October 2026

5th November 2026

3rd December 2026

14th Jan 2027

4th February 2027

11th March 2027

4th May 2027

1st June 2027



Parent Contact

Twice a year we invite you to come in for a meeting with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and learning. The dates for this year will be:

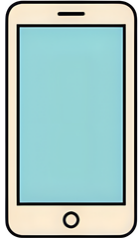
Meeting One: November 2026
Monday 9th November 2026 4-6pm

Meeting Two: March 2027
Tuesday 2nd March 2027 4-6pm

You will be invited nearer the time to book a 1 to 1 ten-minute appointment nearer the time. These appointments are held in the classrooms with class teachers.



Personal Device



Personal Devices

Our expectation is that children do not need a mobile phone at primary school. If they need to bring one in for their travel home, or a play date after school etc this should enter the school grounds switched off and be handed to the teacher for safe keeping from 9am-3pm.

Basic smart watches may be worn as long as they are not connected to mobiles and cannot take photos or send messages, otherwise these should also be removed and given in to the teacher for safe keeping.



Primary 1 Photo



The Primary 1 class photo will be in the The Courier –
Friday 25th September 2026



School Improvement Priorities

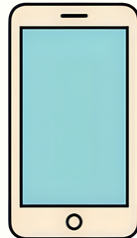


This session, we will be focusing on two key improvement priorities across the school. These priorities have been identified through self-evaluation, staff discussions and pupil voice this will help us continue to provide the best possible learning experiences for our children.

Priority 1: Whole-school implementation and focus on Learning Teaching and Assessment Policy, leading to more consistent experiences for children.

Priority 2: A consistent approach to planning, teaching and assessing reading across the school leading to improved outcomes for children through improved attainment in reading

Contacting us



Please note staff do not use their personal emails to contact parents. This helps us to re-direct enquiries when staff are absent or unavailable, due to teaching commitments or when out of office.

Parents should phone or use the school email to contact the person you wish to speak to or to raise a query or concern. This is also the case for any message you want to send to class teachers.

Please continue to use the school contact details :

auchtertool.enquiries@fife.gov.uk
01592 583 411

Diary Dates



Tuesday 22nd Sept 2026 6-7pm, in school office

Monday 8th October - Outdoor Learning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

12th October - 24th October School Holiday

28th October 2026 -Open Doors Session 09:30 - 10:00 am

5th November -Outdoor Learning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

Monday 9th November 2026 Parents' Night 4 -6pm

Friday 13th November - November inservice day

3rd December - Outdoor Learning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

16th December 2026 - Nativity 1:30 - 2:30pm

21st December 2026 Christmas Party - 1:30 - 3pm.

23rd December 2026- 5th January 2027 Christmas School Break.

14th January - Outdoor Learning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

Diary Dates



15th January 2027 Open Doors - 9:30 - 10am

4th February - OutdoorLearning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

10th February 2027 - February inservice day

11th and 12th February 2027 - Holiday days

2nd March 2027 Parents' Evening 4 -6pm

11th March - OutdoorLearning, 09:15 - 11:15

11th March - Curling taster P6/7 - Kirkcaldy Ice Arena

26th March - 9th April - Spring Holidays

3rd May 2027 - Holiday

4th May - OutdoorLearning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

6th May 2027 - Inservice Day

15th - 18th May 2026 - Ardroy P7 (with Kinghorn PS)

1st June - OutdoorLearning, whole school 09:15 - 11:15

7th June 2027 - Holiday

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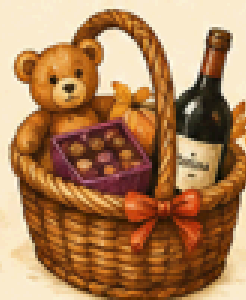
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SATURDAY  26  SEPTEMBER 2026
10 TILL 12

HOME BAKING
AND JAMS



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PLANTS



ADMISSION

£3.00

CHILDREN

£1.00

ADMISSION INCLUDES
TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES

